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Jewish National Fund Campaign Opens Dec. 9

"REDEEM THE NEGEV FOR ISRAEL"

RABBI SOLOMON P. FRANK

On Thursday evening, December 9th, at 8:30 p.m., Ottawa Jewry will inaugurate the Annual Jewish National Fund Campaign at the Linden Theatre, 5 Beechwood Avenue.

Highlighting the program will be an address by Rabbi Solomon P. Frank, well-known journalist and orator who is now Rabbi of the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue in Montreal. A native of Buffalo, N.Y. and a graduate of Columbia University, he occupied the pulpit of the Shaare Zedek Congregation in Winnipeg for a period of twenty-six years. Rabbi Frank is a former Vice-President of the Canadian Jewish Congress and served as Chairman of its Public Relations Committee in Western Canada. He is very active in the Canadian Legion and in the B'nai B'rith.

In addition, the audience will be privileged to witness the showing of a full length feature film entitled "My Father's House." Produced in Israel, "My Father's House" tells a warm-hearted story of a group of Aliyah Beth (unauthorized) immigrants and their adjustment in the Holy Land.

Tickets may be obtained from any of the following members of the Campaign Committee or from the Linden Theatre:

Chairman: L. S. Greenberg.
Vice-Chairman: A. Betcherman.
Treasurer: M. N. Drazin.
Secretary: Mrs. S. A. Epstein.
Mrs. A. Brunberg, J. C. Horwitz, H. Levendal, M. Shabinsky, Mrs. E. Swartzman, S. Spevak, Mrs. D. Wolochow.

The challenge to world Jewry at this time to "Redeem the Negev for Israel" is the greatest in our history. The nineteen-century old dream of a Jewish state is today a living reality—a reality fulfilled by the sweat and toil and sacrifice of our brothers and sisters in Israel. Ours is the duty to redeem the land for cultivation and settlement of the tens of thousands of immigrants, heralding the opportunity for peace, freedom and redemption.

Oneg Shabbat Service

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CONGREGATION ADATH JESHURUN, KING EDWARD AVE.

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10th, at 8:30 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER

Rabbi D. A. Jessurun Cardozo

Spiritual Leader of Congregation Mikveh Israel, Philadelphia

will speak on

"WAS COLUMBUS A JEW?"

The Early History of the Spanish-Portuguese Jewish Community in America

ADULT INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES MEETS WITH POPULAR RESPONSE

The third season of the Institute for Adult Studies is making progress. An auspicious beginning was made this season with much interest being displayed in the course offered by Rabbi Lifschutz in modern Jewish history and literature on Monday evenings 8:15 to 9:15 P.M. The subject was introduced with an orientation in the composition, role and function of the Mishna, Talmud and Halachik literature as the all-embracing influence on Jewish life up to the eighteenth century. The course will shed light, in terms of the social and intellectual progress of world history, on the social and intellectual developments within the Jewish people in the last two centuries.

Courses in elementary Hebrew and an Appreciation of the Prayer Book are also being given on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. in order to enable members of the group to attend other meetings if they so desire. The groups are meeting at 171 Daly Avenue.

Those desiring to secure additional information concerning the Adult Courses should telephone the Rabbi at 4-8501 or 3-9379.

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ON THE OCCASION OF THE PROCLAMATION OF JEWISH BOOK MONTH

November 26 - December 26

The experiences of the Jews in the last few decades have given rise to a re-awakening of the historic Jewish self-consciousness and have brought into sharp relief the difficulties of Jewish survival. Never have Jews been more painfully aware of the "Jewish problem" than they are now. The Jews are incessantly pre-occupied with anti-Semitism and with the abnormality of their existence. This unfortunately aggravates an already too wide-spread ignorance of matters of Jewish belief and religious practice. So much of effort is devoted to the struggle against destructive forces internal as well as external that the Jews do not armor adequately against the forces of disintegration. What is called for now is a great spiritual revival of Judaism, a revitalization of its institutions, a full understanding of the means of maintaining Jewish identity in a non-Jewish environment. In short, there is a crying need for the fortification of Jewish ranks in the struggle for survival.

The flow of publications dealing with aspects of Jewish life and lore challenges the Jews to free themselves from indifference and inertia and to discharge their responsibility towards the revival of the Jewish spirit and the perpetuation of Jewish values. There is an urgent need for a better understanding of Jewish values. Indeed, there is need for a translation of the whole content of Judaism as a way of life into the language of our day. To achieve that much-desired end, Jews must draw their spiritual nourishment from the rich wisdom of the saint and sage of yesterday and also from contemporary Jewish thinking. To some degree this can be attained by resource to good Jewish books, old and new.

J. Bloch, Chief
Jewish Division New York Public Library.

BOOK NOTES

By Deborah Lifschutz

A TREASURY OF JEWISH FOLKLORE. Edited by Nathan Ausubel. Crown Publishers. New York. $4.00. 741 pp.

Folk lore is the human element in the history of a people. It consists of the tears and the laughter, the song and the dirge, the courage and the humility of a people as expressed through the centuries of its history. It is a vivid record of a people, palpitating with life itself while its greatest art is its artlessness—for folk tales and folk songs are always spontaneous expressions of the people themselves. In addition to these attributes, Jewish folk lore has the wit and humor which the Jew in all his tragic history had to develop as an affirmative and defiant answer to the world's cruelties. The Jew could never have survived did he not have this humorous, optimistic attitude toward life.

Nathan Ausubel has collected the stories, traditions, legends, humor and song of the Jewish people. The stories range from the Midrashic tales to Jewish life in our times, stories of personalities from the Maccabees to the Chasidim; songs ranging from 'Kol Nidre' and 'God of Abraham' to songs of the chalutzim and those developed in the D.P. Camps. This is an excellent collection of the wealth of Jewish humor, literature and songs, and should take a prominent place on the bookshelf of every Jewish home.

TODAY IN ISRAEL

Because of the remarkable progress made by the new State of Israel, numerous questions pertaining to its economic, political and spiritual organization have been frequently raised.

War, which was thrust upon the new State even as it came into being, served to inflate the many problems in its structure. As a result, its various political parties, who are predominently pro-labor and who make up the most important part of the present Provisional Government, do everything possible to induce large scale investment of private capital from abroad. For that matter, these left leaning parties have no intention of nationalizing anything presently. Consequently industries are permitted to enjoy private profits.

What will emerge politically in Israel, is for the time being, indefinite. For, since the exigencies of war made the formation of a Coalition Government necessary, a mild form of military regimentation was inevitably instituted. Nevertheless, the people have gladly come to accept these emergency regulations in view of the tremendous wartime accomplishments made by the new State.

The present Government is a Coalition of four main groups—two known as Mapai and Mapam, the Mizrachi Party, and three centre organizations recently merged in the Progressive Party under Justice Minister Felix Rosenblueth and which is composed mainly of persons with General Zionist leanings. Which of these four parties will emerge with a commanding majority will not be ascertained until after elections, scheduled for the last week in January. Mapai's influence, which extends into all sections of Jewish labor, therefore controls Israel's economic life as well as the policy of the Histadruth which is a general labor union consisting for the most part of members of the Mapai and Mapam. Because Mapam is more to the left than Mapai, it distinguishes itself from the latter by its demands for a more radical class existence. Should Mapai and Mapam join they may be in a position to swing the general election. However, if Mapai is to rule without Mapam, it could do so only if it forms a political block with one of the other two parties. If it should unite with Mizrachi, one may look to numerous concessions from the pro-labor groups to the traditionally orientated group and so make for a growing influence of social and economic legislation based upon the principles of Jewish Law as evolved in the Shulchan Aruch (Rabbinical Codes). Nevertheless the Mizrachi Party has already succeded in making its influence felt in the writing of the constitution. For instance, all public transportation service, such buses etc., cease operating with the approach of the Sabbath. Except for the few essential government offices and military operations in the defence of the Holy Land, Shabbat is an official day of rest. The Army has Kosher kitchens.

This the Mizrachi accomplished by uniting, for the first time under one banner all groups with Torah leanings e.g. Mizrachi, Hapoel Hamizrachi, Agudath Israel and Poale Agudath Israel.

Irving Aaron.

A LETTER OF THANKS FROM HADASSAH

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Ottawa Council of Hadassah, we take great pleasure in thanking the community at large for their spontaneous and wholehearted support at our recent Carnival and Cabaret Nite held at the Gatineau Golf and Country Club.

It was the generosity of Hadassah's many friends that helped to make it such an outstanding success.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. D.) Sophie Wolochow, President.
(Mrs. S.) Roselle Hock, General Convenor.

CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

The results of elections held recently in all Congregations follows:

ADATH JESHURUN

President: H. Gould; Immediate Past President: L. Petegorsky; Vice-President: S. Caplan; Hon. Vice-President: S. Katz; Parnass: M. Lieff; Treasurer: I. Stone; Secretary: H. S. Roodman; Trustees: J. Abelson, M. Baslaw, S. Lepofsky, K.C., A. Lithwick, T. P. Metrick, A. Shaffer, Dr. A. Slone, J. Shmelzer, J. Torontow.

AGUDATH ACHIM

President: T. Sachs; Vice-President: M. N. Drazin; Treasurer: S. Swedlove; Secretary: M. Berezin; 1st Trustee: M. Zbar; Trustees: M. Addleman, M. Baker, A. Betcherman, J. Cornblat, M. Greenberg, C. Liberman, R. Molot, J. Sadinsky, S. Spevak, J. Swedlove, M. Wolfe, J. M. Woolfson, M. Zagerman, D. Zelikovitz, S. Zelikovitz.

MACHZIKEI ADATHS

President: S. Saslove; Vice-President: M. Steinberg; Treasurer: I. Weiner; Fin. Secretary: J. Stoller; Recording Secretary: H. Gencher; 1st Trustee: H. Sedelnick; 2nd Trustee: B. Taller; Trustees: L. Blostein, T. Bordelay, B. Cantor, L. Cardash, B. Greenberg, Menashe Greenberg, W. Hershcovitch, G. Mendelson, A. Shapiro; Gaboyim: L. Steinberg, I. Nadler.

B'NAI JACOB

President: A. Bookman; Vice-President: L. Abrams; Treasurer: I. Zelnick; Fin. Secretary: B. Dworkin; Rec. Secretary: S. Ellis; Trustees: T. Baker, D. Friendly, M. Freedman, D. Ginsberg, H. Sherman, N. Sherman.

AGUDATH ISRAEL

President: A. H. Lieff; Immediate Past President: M. Goldberg; Vice-President: A. Kelman; Treasurer: E. M. Glatt; Secretary: I. Borts; Board of Directors: M. Cooper, B. Flesher, H. J. Harris, A. LaPorter, L. Lieff.

Y. P. L. PLAN CHANUKAH DANCE

The Young People's League of the Jewish Community of Ottawa is planning a Chanukah Dance on Saturday evening, January 1, 1949, in the Assembly Hall, Lansdowne Park. An excellent orchestra will be in attendance and refreshments will be provided. Tickets at $1.50 each and may be obtained from any member of the Y.P.L. Executive.

In view of the limited accommodation, those planning to attend are urged to make their reservations early.

GUEST SPEAKER AT ONEG SHABBAT

RABBI D. A. JESSURUN CARDOZO, who will be the Guest Speaker at the B'nai B'rith Annual Oneg Shabbat Service to be held Friday evening, December 10th, at 8:30 p.m., in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation, King Edward Ave.

KINDLING THE SABBATH LIGHTS

"L'Hadlik Neir Shel Shabbos"

SCHEDULE

December 10 ..... 4:01 p.m.
December 17 ..... 4:03 p.m.

WEEKLY PORTIONS

December 11

Torah—"Vayeze"—(Gen. 28:10 - 32:3)
Prophets—Hosea 11:7 - 12:12.

December 18

Torah—"Vayishlach"—(Gen. 32:4 - 36:43)
Prophets—Obadiah 1:1 - 21.

VAAD HA'IR OFFICE TO SERVE AS CLEARING HOUSE TO AVOID CONFLICT WHEN PLANNING AFFAIRS

In certain instances in the past, two or more large meetings or gatherings have been planned for the same date, without one group being aware of the other group's intentions. It has, therefore, become evident that a clearing house is necessary, and it is suggested that all Congregations and organizations in the community contact the Vaad Ha'Ir Office at 3-9379 when planning large meetings or affairs to ensure that no function is already scheduled which might conflict.

MRS. NADIA LOURIE TO ADDRESS HADASSAH JOINT MEETING DECEMBER 7

Under the auspices of the Ottawa Council of Hadassah, a joint meeting of all chapters will be held on Tuesday evening, December 7, at 8:00 P.M., in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation, King Edward Ave.

Guest Speaker Mrs. Nadia Lourie of Jerusalem has only recently arrived from Israel for a short visit during which she will lecture in a number of cities in the United States and Canada. An outstanding speaker gifted with a charming personality, Mrs. Lourie is the wife of Mr. Norman Lourie, well-known producer of Palestinian films among which is the successful "House in the Desert" which won first prize at the last International Film Festival in Venice.

Tea will be served in the Vestry Rooms following the meeting, proceeds of which will go in aid of the Youth Aliyah Fund. At that time, Mrs. B. M. Alexandor will make a formal presentation of a Certificate of Trees to the family of the late Mrs. S. Silver who served as Youth Aliyah Convenor for the Council for many years.

YOUTH COMMITTEE PROCURES GYMNASIUMS

The Youth Committee of the Vaad Ha'Ir has been successful in procuring both boys' and girls' gymnasiums at Lisgar Collegiate on Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Six youth groups are already taking advantage of these facilities with basketball and badminton as the most popular games. The Junior Basketball League at present composed of the Syd Slover Chapter of A.Z.A., the Joel Wolfe Zagerman Chapter of B.B.Y.M. and the A. J. Freiman Chapter of A.Z.A. is already off to a flying start. Games are played every Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m., and are open to the public. League Convenor John Greenberg would welcome additional team entries, as well as the applications of any young men qualified to referee games.

Youth groups who would like time at the gymnasiums and who have not yet made application should contact the Youth Committee Athletic Chairman Rube Molot as soon as possible.

ADATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD NOTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Adath Jeshurun Sisterhood will be held Wednesday, December 15, at 3:00 p.m., in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation. At that time, Mrs. E. L. Lifschitz will review some of the outstanding Jewish books of 1948.

On Sunday evening, December 26, the Sisterhood will hold its Annual Chanukah Family Buffet Supper for members and their husbands.

CRADLE ROLL

Baby daughter Ruth Ann (Rachel Chana) born October 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beckman (nee Frances Alexis).

Baby daughter Florence (Fayge) born October 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Blair (nee Bessie Beckman).

Baby son Stephen Leslie (Yisochor Leib) born November 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Abe Bookman (nee Lila Pleet).

Baby daughter Elsa (Yitta) born September 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cornblat (nee Bella Gencher).

Baby son John Michael (Yisroel Moshe) born November 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Cutler (nee Gertrude Pleet).

Baby son Stanley Mark (Shmuel Moshe) born September 30 in Philadelphia to Dr. and Mrs. Manuel N. Fineman (nee Myra Rill).

Baby daughter Jo-anne (Esther Sophie) born November 17 in Victoria to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fonberg (nee Helen Brody).

Baby daughter Beverley (Bluma) born October 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Goldfield (nee Charlotte Rice).

Baby son Lorne Morley (Eliezer Moshe) born November 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Greenberg (nee Sibyl Moscovitch).

Baby son Garry (Yale) born October 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Greenberg (nee Jennie Cohen).

Baby son David born July 17 in Montreal to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kobulnik (nee Rae Azmier).

Baby son Mark David born September 25 in London, Ont., to Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Lerner (nee Ethel Palef).

Baby son Theodore born November 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Levy (nee Anne Mayberger).

Baby daughters Janet (Ita) and Nina (Henya) born November 13 to Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis (nee Sophie Carson).

Baby son Kenneth Jeffrey (Yekusiel Yehuda) born October 29 to Mr. and Mrs. David Loeb (nee Joyce Glickman).

Baby daughter Brenda Anne (Bryndel Brocho) born August 19 in Montreal to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morrison (nee Sadie Widder).

Baby daughter Frances Sharon (Freida Shayne) born September 18 in Toronto to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Paulin (nee Tillie Swedlove).

Baby daughter Betty Leah (Bassia Leah) born October 2 in Montreal to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pomerlan (nee Queenie Feller).

Baby son Stephen Martin (Zalman Moshe) born August 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rivers (nee Goldie Schacter).

Baby son Lloyd Howard (Eliezer Chaim) born November 2 to Dr. and Mrs. Jacob I. Rossman (nee Frances Feldman).

Baby son Allan Michael (Avrom Moshe) born September 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sadava (nee Ruth Bloom).

Baby son Leonard Irving (Yitzchok Leib) born September 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Abe Satov (nee Anne Oschas).

Baby son Marvin David (Maier David) born September 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shabinsky (nee Alice Bergman).

Baby son Melvin Charles (Moshe Ezekiel) born November 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Shulman (nee Celia Esbinsky).

Baby son Lawrence Albert (Avrom Leib) born November 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Weisz.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations are extended to:

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Cohen (nee Lillian Zipman) who were married November 28 in the Machzikei Adaths Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Dover (nee Doris Greenberg) who were married November 7 in the Machzikei Adaths Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Gennis (nee Hilda Aaron) who were married October 31 in the Machzikei Adaths Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving J. Kaplan (nee Sadie Kronick) who were married November 20 in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney N. Kerzner (nee Ethel Kot) who were married November 21 in the Machzikei Adaths Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Major (nee Rella Goldstein) who were married September 26 in the B'nai Jacob Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Manis (nee Rose Landau) who were married November 28 in the Adath Israel Congregation, Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Rebner (nee Dorothy Friedman of Winnipeg) who were married August 22 in the Beth David Congregation, Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shabsove (nee Sara Molly Fine) who were married November 23 in the Chateau Laurier Hotel.

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations are extended on the engagements of:

Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beckman to Hy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roodman.

Devora Selma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Colle to Hy, son of Mrs. J. Schwartzberg and the late Mr. Schwartzberg.

Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooke of Montreal to Harry, son of Mrs. Sally Solman and the late Mr. Adolphe Solman. Marriage to take place December 8 in Montreal.

Sylvia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gold to Joel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Segal of Outremont, Que. Marriage to take place December 26 in Ottawa.

Bryna, daughter of Mrs. C. Grosser and the late Mr. Grosser of Montreal to Jack, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Monson. Marriage to take place January 9 in Ottawa.

Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Handelman of Toronto to Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Hartman. Marriage to take place December 19 in Toronto.

BAR-MITZVAH

Bernard Silvan Pearl

Congratulations are extended on the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvahs of:

Bernard Silvan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold N. Pearl, which will be celebrated Saturday morning, December 11 at the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

Jarvis Joshua, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Freedman, which was celebrated Saturday morning, November 13 at the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

Jacie Sidney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levinson, which was celebrated Saturday morning, November 13 at the Machzikei Adaths Congregation.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE VAAD HA'IR TO BE HELD DEC. 13

The Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir will be held on Monday evening, December 13th, at 8:30 p.m., in the Auditorium of the Talmud Torah, 453 Rideau Street.

Notices are being despatched to all members of the Vaad Ha'Ir.

SADNESS

The Community mourns the recent loss of the late

Ida Sarah Dobrofsky
Deena Joyce Dworkin
Katherine Flesher
Michael Kronick
Rachel Silver
Abraham Wolstein

May their memory be a blessing. May the Almighty comfort their loved ones.

Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Moyshovitz of Carleton Place to Akiva, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kriger of Brockville.

Lillian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Nadolny to Hyman, son of Mrs. N. Mehlman and the late Mr. Mehlman of Dallas, Texas.

Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shiffman of Toronto to Cecil Shinder Phm.B., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shinder. Marriage to take place next June.